

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Yu on 10/21/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claim 20.

Claim 1, line 5, delete "one roll unit of".

Claim 1, line 7, delete "of the plastic film".

Claim 1, line 8, after "4,000 meter length", insert --of the plastic film--.

Claim 3, lines 1-2, delete "one roll unit of the".

Claim 21, lines 1-2, delete "one roll unit of the".

Claim 22, lines 1-2, delete "one roll unit of the".

Claim 23, line 5, delete "one roll unit of".

Claim 23, line 7, delete "of the plastic film".

Claim 23, line 8, after "4,000 meter length", insert --of the plastic film--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are deemed allowable over the reference Hirokawa et al. (U.S. 5,230,923), since Hirokawa et al. fails to disclose or render obvious the distinct feature of "the inorganic oxide layer on a portion measuring at least 400 mm width by at least 4,000 meter length of the plastic film has a maximum thickness that is equal to or less than 1.5 times the minimum thickness as measured over both the width and length directions". While Hirokawa et al. teach a plastic film having an inorganic oxide layer deposited thereon, Hirokawa et al. fails to anticipate or render obvious the distinct feature of "the inorganic oxide layer on a portion measuring at least 400 mm width by at least 4,000 meter length of the plastic film has a maximum thickness that is equal to or less than 1.5 times the minimum thickness as measured over both the width and length directions". Furthermore, the Examiner is relying on Applicant's arguments on pages 6-9 of the response filed 7/14/2009, as the basis for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CATHERINE SIMONE whose telephone number is (571)272-1501. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample can be reached on (571) 272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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